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CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WOODVILLE.

TO repeal the Acts heretofore passed, incorporating the town of

§1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That all acts heretofore passed, incorporating the town of Woodville, in the county of Wilkinson, be, and the same are hereby repealed; and that said town be, and the same is hereby re-incorporated, under the provisions hereinafter expressed, with the following boundaries and limits, that is to say: one mile square, assuming the courthouse in said town as the centre thereof, and the corporate authorities of said town, shall, as soon as convenient, designate and make bounda-

\$2. Mayor and Aldermen. Mode of Election .- That all the free white male inhabitants of said town, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, being citizens of the United States, and being qualified electors by the constitution of this State, and residents of said town, sole power of granting licenses for retailing spiritous liquors in said shall be entitled to vote at such elections; and the said voters shall, town, and regulating the price and time of payment of said licenses, on the first Monday in January, in each year, or within thirty days which, in no case shall be less than one hundred, not exceeding three thereafter, meet at the court house in said town, or at such place as may be appointed therein, and elect by ballot, a mayor and four aldermen, to serve until the next regular annual election, or until their successors are duly qualified, and notice of all such elections shall be given and published at least ten days previous to the time of holding the same, and shall be opened and held from ten o'clock, A. M., until two o'clock, P. M., of said day, under the superintendence of the sheriff of the county of Wilkinson, and two free holders of said town, or a justice of the peace, and two free holders thereof; and the persons having the highest number of votes, shall be declared duly elected, and shall forthwith be returned by such superintendent of said election to the office of the secretary of state and shall be commissioned by the governor. And the said mayor and aldermen, immediately on the receipt of their commissions, shall take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the constitution.

§3. To appoint a clerk and other town officers not specially provided for.—That the said mayor and aldermen shall immediately thereafter, meet and form a board to do business, and shall appoint a and prosecuted, and the amount recovered shall enure to the use of clerk and such other officers of said town, as may be contemplated or said town; and said board of aldermen shall have full power, at all required by this act, and not otherwise provided for therein; and they shall have full powers, and it shall be their duty to require and take such sufficient bond or bonds from all such officers; prescribe the penalties and conditions of such bond or bonds, and prescribe the

be elected by said voters, at the time and in the same manner as prescribed in the second section of this act, for mayor and aldermed, one town constable, to serve for the same space of time, as the said may- the provisions of this act, without a license obtained and held in the

members thereof, to form a board, they may appoint a chairman pro-tempore, and proceed to do business; and the said board of aldermen-shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Corporation of and politic, and shall have and exercise all the powers, rights, and county of Wilkinson, not to exceed at any time the county and state taxes thereon, for the same period; which taxes so levied, shall be houses, to be kept in said town, and to prescribe the penalties and assessed and collected by the town constable of said town, in the same punishment for such offences; the said board shall have full power manner as the state and county taxes are assessed and collected in the county of Wilkinson; and in case of any sale of property by said contempt offered to said board, while sitting, and may also imprison town constable, for the collection of taxes properly levied and assessed, any such person, for any time not exceeding twelve hours, for any as aforesaid, such constable shall have full and ample power to make such contempt offered as aforesaid. all necessary and proper titles so the purchaser of any such property, that may be thus sold; they shall have power, and it shall be their duty to be caused to be kept a decent and orderly market in said town, and to regulate the same, with a view to do equal justice to all the inhabitants of thereof, as also to all such as may supply and furnish the same; they shall have power to make all needful rules and regulations, concerning the conduct and residence of free negroes and mulattoes, not inconsistent with the constitution of this state: they shall have power, and it shall be their duty to enact and promulgate ordinances prohibiting and imposing heavy penalties upon the owner or owners, or their agents, of any slave or slaves, who shall permit any such slave or slaves, of his, hers or theirs, to hire exceeding thirty nine lashes, as said board may deem proper, for any violation of such ordinances; they shall have the power, and it shall be their duty, to enact and promulgate ordinances, prohibiting the assemblage of slaves in said town, directing the time slaves from the promulgate ordinances, prohibiting and imposing heavy penalties on white persons, who shall sell, or otherwise dispose of spiritous liquors to any slave, or slaves, in said town, or who may be found unlawfulating with any slave, or slaves, therein; they shall have full power, and it shall be their duty, to appoint patrols in said town, prescribe their duties, and to inflict such fines for any neglect of said duties, is said board may deem right and proper; and if any mem-ber of such patrol, shall be intoxicated, or shall be guilty of any riotous or disorderly conduct while on duty as such patrol, every such person so offending, shall be fined in any sum, not exceeding twenty tempt of his court, while sitting; he shall before entering on the dollars, by the mayor of said town; they shall have power to enact duties of his office, give bond payable to the governor of the state of Mississippi, and his successors in office, in the penalty of three thousand vending merchandise in said town, on the Sabbath day, and for any other vending merchandise in said town, on the Sabbath day, and for any other vending merchandise in said town, and the sabbath day, and for any other vending merchandise in said town, and the sabbath day, and for any other vending merchandise in said town, and the sabbath day, and for any other vending merchandise in said town, and the said town, any other vending twenty said town.

in whatsoever place any such may be found exhibiting, or in manner used, in said town, to be seized, together with all their im plements, cards, money, or other things thereto belonging, and expose the same to be publicly burnt, on the public square in said town, (except the money, which shall be forfeited, and enure to the benefit capacity as justice of the peace of Wilkinson county, to proceed against any such person, or persons, who may be thus found exhibit-ing or using any such gaming table, or whoever may be in any way engaged or interested therein, as justices of the peace are directed by the laws of this State so proceed in similar cases; they shall have or highways, in said town. power, and it shall be their duty, to enact and promulgate ordinances. requiring any strange, suspicious white person, who shall be found, or known to be holding, or of having held, private, suspicious conferences, or secret conversations, with any slave, or slaves, in a suspiciou manner, within said town, to be taken by any proper officer, and brought forthwith before the mayor for examination; and if any such person shall be adjudged guilty of any unlawful or improper conduct with any such slave, or slaves, such person shall be dealt with according to law; they shall have power to enact and promulgate ordinances, prohibiting, under suitable penalties, the firing of guns, pistols, or crackers, in said town, and to prevent and suppress any rioting, or other improper disturbances therein; they shall have the hundred dollars; and in no case shall any such license for retailing and the said board, before granting any such license, shall require and take bond from the applicant, with two or more good securities, to be approved of by said board, payable to the corporation of Woodville, in the penalty sum of two hundred dollars, and conditioned that the person to whom such license shall be granted, shall keep a quiet. peaceable, orderly house, for retailing spiritous liquors in the town o Woodville, and shall not permit or allow gaming to be carried on in such house, or on the premises thereto belonging, and shall not retail or otherwise dispose of spiritous liquors to slaves; and whenever, at any time, such bond shall be forfeited, the same shall be put in suit. times, to revoke and annul any license so granted, if they shall be of opinion, after causing the person having any such license, to appear before said board, and a proper investigation is had, touching the same, that the bond given on granting said license, has been in any particular duties of each and every such of their officers, and the oaths to be taken by them, not inconsistent with this act.

respect forfeited; and whenever any such license shall be thus revoked, no part of the money paid for the same shall be refunded, but §4. Constable-mode of election and term of service. There shall shall be forfeited to the corporation for the use of said town; and if any person or persons shall presume to set up, or open, a tippling house, or in any manner retail spiritous liquors therein, contrary to manner aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful, and it shall be the duty \$5. What to constitute a quorum. That the mayor and any two of the mayor of said town to issue his warrant, and cause any such or more of the said aldermen, shall form a board for the transaction person or persons to be brought before him; and if it shall appear of business, and in case of the non-attendance of the mayor at any that any such person is retailing, or hath retailed, spiritous liquors, in meeting of the board, if there shall appear a sufficient number of the said town, contrary to the provisions of this act, every such person so offending, shall be fined by said mayor, not exceeding twenty dollars for the use and benefit of said town; and moreover, said mayor shall shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Corporation of the town of Woodville, and as such, shall constitute a body corporate and politic, and shall have and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges, usually appertaining, or belonging to bodies corporate and the prosecution of persons retailing without a license; and if any politic, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; and the said board of aldermen shall have full power and authority over all matters of police within the limits of said town. They shall have power to make and promulgate all such ordinances, prosecutions for retailing, under the provisions of this act, shall be harmony and good government of said town, one year next before the commencement of any as to the said board shall seem necessary, right and proper, not in-consistent with the constitution of this state; they shall have full for every twenty-four hours, on all public shows and exhibitions that power and authority to levy taxes on all property and things subject may be had, made, or presented in said town; they shall have power, to taxation in said town, prescribed by the laws of this state, or the and it shall be their duty to pass and promulgate ordinances to pre-

\$6. Powers and Duties of the Mayor .- That the mayor of said own shall have full power, in his judicial capacity, to exercise jurisdiction overall matters arising out of the provisions of this necessary to carry the same into full effect, in said town, and shall have and exercise all the powers and jurisdiction of a justice of the peace of the county of Wilkinson, throughout said county, It shall be his duty to see that the provisions of this act, and all ordinances, rules and orders, made in pursuance thereof, shall be truly and faithfully executed. It shall be his duty to call a meeting of the board of their time, or to hire themselves out, or to live separate from under time, when required by any one, or more, members of said board, their immediate control, direction and management in said town, and give his opinion in writing, to said board, concerning any matter to inflict such corporeal punishment on any such slave or slaves, not arising out of the provisions of this act; he shall preside at all meetings of the board, when present, and shall preserve order therein, and shall see that the business thereof is conducted in a regular, orderly manner; he shall promptly decide all questions of order that may arise at the sittings of said board, and may fine not exceeding twenty country shall leave the town on a Sabbath day, and prohibiting any dollars, any member, thereof, for improper, or disorderly conduct, at slave or slaves, whatsoever, from trading in said town without a regular permit from their masters, owners or overseers, for that purpose, and so prescribe the punishment for any infraction of such ordinances; the shall give the casting vote, in all cases of a tie, on all questions acted upon by said board; he shall have power to give said board of aldermen, if, in his opinion, it is in any respect inconsistent with the constitution of this state, or the provisions of this act, setting forth his reasons for such dissent, in writing; and if, after giving his dissent and reason, to any such ordinance, rule, or order, as aforesaid, the same shall be passed by three-fourths of all the members of said board, it shall be the law of this corporation; he shall have power to impose a fine, not exceeding twenty dollars, and im-

use his utmost endeavors to prevent and suppress all breaches of the peace in said town, and to quell and suppress any rioting, or improper disturbances, or any other indecent or disorderly conduct therein; and shall have power, and it shall be his duty, at all times, to arrest, and of the corporation,) and to require the mayor of said town, in his take before the mayor, with, or without warrant, for examination, all or any such person, or persons, who shall be found violating the pro-visions of this act, or any of the ordinances, rules, or orders, made in pursuance thereof; it shall be his duty to report to the mayor, or board of aldermen, any nuisance, or obstruction, in the streets, public places,

> 88. Constable to give Bond .- That it shall be the duty of the said board of aldermen, to require and take from the said fown constable, before he enters upon the duties of his office, a bond payable to the mayor of said town, and his successors in office, in the penalty of six thousand dollars, with two, or more, good securities, to be approved by said board, conditioned that he shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him by this act, and the rules, ordinances, and orders passed in pursuance thereof; and that he will well and truly pay over to the proper officers of said town, all money that may be collected, or received by him, for, or on account of said town, and that he will well and truly pay over all moneys to the parties entitled to have and receive the same, which may be collected or received by him, as constable of Wilkinson county, or said town, which bond, when so taken and approved, shall be filed and recorded in the clerk's office, of the probate court of Wilkinson county; and at any time, if the conditions thereof, shall be forfeited, it shall be lawful for the corporation aforesaid, or any person who shall be injured by a breach of the conditions of said bond, to put the same in suit, to be presecuted for the benefit of any such parties thus injured. And if the said town constable shall, at any time, collect, or receive money, on any execution, or other process. his hands and shall fail to pay over the same to the plaintiff in any such execution, or other process on demand, he shall pay at the rate of twenty-five per centum, per annum, on the amount so collected, or received ou such execution, from the time of such demand till paid

89. Execution to issue against him, or his securities, on judgments, with interest at the rate of twenty-five per cent, per annum, in rune of failure to pay over any sum collected by virtue of his office. That if such town constable shall collect money on any such execution, or oth- contributions made in New York and in Rich- tor. The latter applied er process, and shall fail to pay over the same on demand, as aforesaid, mond to indemnify the owner are the earnest to a man of moderate it shall, and may be lawful for the plaintiff in such execution, his agent, or attorney, by motion to the mayor, in his capacity of justice of the peace of Wilkinson county, upon giving five days notice to such town as I have always regarded the previous cases as a civilian. He did so, constable, and his securities in his bond, or either of them, to have departures from law, I am happy to find that and the following conjudgment against said town constable, and his securities, or either of them, that notice may be served on as aforesaid, for any amount that may be collected, or received by said town constable, on any such execution, or other process as aforesaid, together with the interest, at the of the common law as laid down in Somerrate of twenty-five per centum per annum, on the amount so collected set's case, which has no application to these on any such execution, or other process by him, after the demand there. States, in cases of internal transit, for the simon any such execution, or other process by him, after the demand thereof, as before directed; and upon entering upon any such judgment against such town constable, or his securities, or either of them, as aforesaid, the said mayor shall immediately thereafter, issue execution for the amount of such judgment against the party, or parties, against whom such judgment shall be entered, and said mayor shall endorse on such judgment shall be entered, and said mayor shall endorse on such execution that no security of any kind shall be taken.

States, in cases of internal transit, for the simple reason that these States are not nations. The pose I came here. My brother died detested. He has left two infidely the subjects of foreign States, and the slaves of such, if brought hither, would be free.

The people of these United States, as one executioner."

\$10. Penalty for neglect to return process .- That if said town §10. Penalty for neglect to return process.—That if said town constable shall neglect to return any execution, or other process in his hands, at the time required for the return thereof, he shall, upon more Constitution which recognizes the existence of Jack Downing called on tion made (by any serson interested,) to the mayor of said town, after having three days' notice, be fined by said mayor, in any sum not exceeding twenty dollars, for every such neglect, and shall, moreover, be liable to a recovery on his bond, for any such neglect, to the use of and slaves of property. They have all agreed

the party injured thereby.

\$11. Punishment for misdemeanors, and neglect of duty .- That if any town constable shall wilfully neglect to perform any of the duties required of him by this act, or shall be at any time guilty of any mis-demeanor in office, he may be presented or indicted in the circuit court of Wilkinson county therefor, and if guilty, he shall be fined by

\$12. Power to extend throughout the County,-That the said own constable shall have power to do business as constable, through-

out the counto of Wilkinson.

§13. When and by whom prosecuted and removed.—That the board of aldermen shall have power, upon sufficient cause appearing to said board, of the palpable violation, or neglect of duty, or manifest incompetency of said town constable, or of any other of their officers, to cause him, or them, to be prosecuted and removed from office, according to the constitution, and cause any such vacancies to be filled in the manner directed by this act.

ceive the same fees, as are allowed to constables of Wilkinson county, does not permit slavery to her own citizens? told me of a zin cular in-

## GENERAL PROVISIONS.

\$15. That the board of aldermen shall have full power, to pass and promulgate all ordinances that may be necessary to carry the provisions of this act into full effect, and to prescribe such penalties and punishments for offences, contemplated by the same, not therein-

§16. Ordinances, etc., to be signed, published and distributed—to take effect five days after publication.—That all ordinances, by-laws, rules, and orders, that shall be passed or enacted, by the said board of aldermen, in pursuance of this act, if approved by the mayor, shall be signed by the said mayor, and countersigned by the clerk of said board, and shall be published in some newspaper printed in said town, and shall also be published in handbill form, and distributed among the citizens of said town, and no ordinance of said board shall be in force, until the expiration of five days from the date of the publication

\$17. Record of Ordinances and Journal of Proceedings. That to that end, are repugnant to the constitution. the board shall cause to be kept a neat and regular record, in well bound books, of all ordinances, rules and orders, of said board; and also a regular journal of the proceedings of said board, which journal estions acted upon by said board; he shall have power to give shall be regularly published in the newspaper, for the information of seent to any ordinance, rule, or order, that may be passed by the citizens of said town. The said board of aldermen shall cause to be kept, by their treasurer, a true and regular account of the receipts and disbursements of all moneys of said town, which shall be publish—use of wheat flour in the case of scalds or burns.

\$18. Sheriffs and Deputy-sheriffs to aid the Town Constable Penalty for refusal,-That it shall be the duty of the sheriff, or any satisfaction. He says: of his deputies, or any of the constables, of Wilkinson county, to execute any lawful process, directed to him or them, by the mayor, or board of aldermen, of said town, and to aid and assist the town constable thereof, in the execution of any duty required of him by whenever called upon; and it shall also be the duty of the said sheriff. and vending merchandise in said town, on the Sabbath day, and for any other unlawful Sabbath-breaking therein; they shall have full any other unlawful Sabbath-breaking therein; they shall have full any other unlawful Sabbath-breaking therein; they shall have full the judge of probate of Wikinson county, conditioned the same as in regulate the time and manner of working and improving the streets, side-walks, public places and highways in said town, and of perceible the penalty for any failure to perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the penalty for any failure to perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode perform such labor; they shall have the power to prescribe the mode and manner of abating nuisances, and at whose expense the same and manner of abating nuisances, and at whose expense the same and procuded against for breaches of the peace for Wilkinson county, for any the peace are proceeded against for breaches of their bonds; and in the same is required to the same; and any such officer may be sworn be in some time to the same; and any such officer of said town, in the finite of any officer, or fail, toper form the duties required of him therein, he, or they may be proceeded against in the same way and missing time to the conditions of the peace are proceeded against to the same as a power of th and his deputies, and all constables of said county, to arrest and take

\$20. Licenses, Fines, etc., to caure to the Corporation,-That the amount of licenses assessed and received, and all fines and forfeithres that may arise, accrue, or that may be assessed, from, or in virtue of this act, shall enure to said corporation, for the benefit of said town.

\$21. Sheriffs, etc. - Penalty for defalcation .- That the sheriff of Wilkinson county, and any of his deputies, or any constable thereof, (other than the town constable,) shall be subject to the same penalties, imbilities and recoveries, for any defalcation under the provisions of this act, as the town constable of said town, and shall be proceeded against, for any such defalcation, in the same way and manner as the

\$22. Vacancies, how supplied.—That all vacancies that may hap-pen, of town officers, shall be filled by election, or appointment, in the anner heretofore directed in this art.

\$23. Notice of election, how given .- That the mayor for the time being, shall advertise and give notice of all elections, in the manner directed by this net; and in case he shall fail to do so, any three free holders in said town may advertise and give notice of any such elec-

of this act, shall be held on the third Monday in February, 1836, or within thirty days thereafter; and all future elections thereafter, shall be held at the time mentioned in the second section of this act.

\$25. Two hundred copies of this act to be printed for distribution, That as soon as the town authorities shall receive a copy of this net, properly authenticated, shey shall cause two hundred copies thereof to be printed in pamphlet form, to be distributed among the citizens of said town, for their information.

Approved, 10th Feb., 1838,

## Right of Transit by Owners of Slaves.

The recent decision in the State of New ing intestate left (wo in York, by which the slaves of a citizen of Vir- faut sons to the care of ginia emigrating to Texas were liberated, from his custody, is in accordance with other decisions previously made in different States. The would act as his execuevidence of a public feeling (some public feel- abilities for advice, who ing, at least,) that the decision is unjust; and advised him to consult

set's case, which has no application to these insult me, sir ?"

slavery in all the States that see fit to adopt it. Gen. Andrew Jackson adopt it are bound to regard slavery as lawful and slaves of property. They have all agreed galed by the President that slaves shall be represented in Congress, with champagne and only that the States so represented shall contriand that the States so represented shall contribute to the public burdens in proportion to rep. Major tried both; the of transit through its borders by citizens of scarcely tasted, saidother States! Can any State limit this right General, your cider is or impose conditions on it that tend to defeat good, but darn your or destroy it! It has been often urged and is pickles." yet urged, as a duty of the Federal Government to construct a canal at the Falls of Ohio ment to construct a canal at the Falls of Ohio on the Indiana side; suppose the work done, and a citizen of Kentucky should take passage with his slave at Maysville for Memphis, Tennessee, and on his voyage shall be carried through this canal, is the slave conscipted because he work as passed through the State of Indiana, which has passed through the State of Indiana, which has passed through the State of Indiana, which If this beso, it affords an argument against internal improvements by the Federal Government not yet urged. If a State may thus destroy the right to one species of property it may do so to another species; and we have seen it posed to doubt. He attempted recently in a Northern State to assert that spiritous liquors are incapable of own-ership. If the relation of master and servant may be disturbed, so may that of parent and child. The rights of personal property attend the peron of the owner, and in the eye of the law are resent with the person. In our Government he right of transit from one part of the Union to another is the right of every citizen of every Government to pass to and fro throughout the limits of his own country. All local statutes to again, it went off and fetter the right of transit or to deprive a travel. killed the squired !" ler of his property, and all decisions of judges and genius of our Government. The decisions although several times repeated in different States are not law .- National Intelligencer.

> Worm Knowing, Some of the papers of A gentleman at Dayton saw it, and the other day, as he writes the Empire tested it to his

"While at the supper table, a little child, which was scated in its mother's lap, suddenly grasped hold of a cup full of hot tea, severely scalded its left hand and arm. I immediately brought a pan of flour and along a little child, and the lawyer, "we did not wish to trouble honest men with them."

brought a pan of flour and plunged the arm into it, covering entirely the parts scalded with the flour.

The effect was truly remarkable, the pain was gone instantly. I then bandaged the arm loosely, applying plenty of flour next to the not the least sign that the arm had been scald ed—neither did the child suffer the least pain

\$24. Time of holding elections .- That the first election in virtue.

low down in Maine de

"Do you intend to

"It is for that pur-

Bar Shilaber, of the stance of gun hanging fire, which, were it not had snapped his gun at he took it from his shoulder, looked down into the barrrel, and saw the charge just starting, when, ing it to his shoulder

Re A Judge once reprimanded a lawyer for bringing several small suits in court, remarking that it would have been better for the bitration of some two or three honest men.

lar," said be to a gentleman who was near him, "that my hat took that direction." "Not at all," replied the lat-ter; "it is natural that a bower should take to the water."

The best way to keep cool, is not to get warm.